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MHS plans first-ever senior parade for Friday

For the first time, Manchester High School (MHS) will honor graduating seniors with a senior parade through downtown North Manchester starting at 7 p.m. Friday, June 12. Graduating seniors will be meeting at the high school at 6:30 p.m. and the town police will escort them from there. The parade will head south on North Market Street, then turn east on East Second Street, then turn north on North Mill Street, then turn west on East College Avenue and finally south on North Market Street again before arriving back at the high school parking lot. For more information, email james_bishir@mcs.k12.in.us.

Clark Gallery to feature 2020 themed art exhibit

The Clark Gallery in the Honeywell Center will host its 2020 Themed Art Competition titled "Dreams" from Monday, June 15 to Sunday, Aug. 16. To register, visit HoneywellCenter.org/dreams. Judging will take place on Wednesday, June 10. Artists selected as winners and accepted entries in the competition will be notified on Thursday, June 11. Unaccepted entries can be picked up Friday, June 12 from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Accepted and featured entries can be picked up after the exhibit from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday, Aug. 17. To make an appointment to pick up unaccepted entries after Monday, June 15, contact Hughes or call

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'Pigs to People to Pork' delivers

First Farmers Bank & Trust brings 550 pounds of meat to FISH, Living Well

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

First Farmers Bank & Trust, in partnership with pork producers and processors throughout the state, has initiated a direct assistance program to provide protein to food banks throughout Indiana and eastern Illinois, according to Tade Powell, senior vice

president and director of communications and public relations.

On Thursday, June 4 and Friday, June 5, Doug Wilcox, senior commercial loan officer, delivered 550 pounds of meat to FISH of Wabash, 770 ½ W. Hill St., and Living Well in Wabash County CoA Community Cupboard, 239 Bond St. Powell stated "Pigs to People to Pork" was established due to the bank's unique awareness of several processes taking place as a result of COVID-19, causing a dramatic disruption in the availability of protein to those in need

"Following the shutdown of major processing plants in the area, producers are facing few or no options in the market. Less processing means less pork on grocery shelves available to the public and therefore even less protein available to food banks providing for those in need," stated Powell. "The process to get from idea to execution has been exciting, overwhelming, and humbling in turns. We're extremely honored to be able to work with such wonderful local partners and Indiana not-for-profit Hoosiers

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Provided photo

Tiffany Moore, with Living Well in Wabash County, right, Doug Wilcox, senior commercial loan officer, and Kristen Tackett, with First Farmers Bank & Trust, center, stand in front of the meat delivery at Thursday, June 4 at Living Well in Wabash County CoA's Community Cupboard.



Photos by Rob Burgess / Plain Dealer

Wabash County Highway Department workers apply a new soy-based concrete sealant to the Huntington Street bridge over the Wabash River on Monday.

Sealed with soy

Nearly a dozen Wabash County bridges treated with a new concrete sealant

By **ROB BURGESS**
Wabash Plain Dealer Editor

Nearly a dozen Wabash County bridges are being treated with a new type of sealant derived from soy thanks to a recent grant.

In response to a Plain Dealer request Tuesday, Cole Wyatt, Wabash County Highway Department superintendent, stated they received an award for \$11,000 worth of reimbursement from the Indiana Soybean Alliance (ISA) Infrastructure Preservation Program.

"We have currently sealed eight county bridges with the material provided and still plan to seal at least two more," stated Wyatt. "Wabash County did not have any sort of bridge maintenance plan in place when I assumed my role here at the department. I was putting a plan

together when the ISA put out their request for applications and we applied and were awarded \$11,000. The county needs to have a maintenance plan in place to help secure future federal aid dollars as well as to extend the life of our bridge assets."

Just before noon Monday on the south side of the Huntington Street bridge over the Wabash River, Paul Imbrock, president of Environmental Concrete Products, said they were treating the bridge with their new product called PoreShield.

Imbrock said PoreShield was developed at Purdue University through research with the Indiana Department of Transportation to help preserve concrete.

Imbrock said it takes one bushel of soybeans to make a gallon and a half of sealant.



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"It's a concrete sealant that works a little bit differently. Instead of curing to make a coating over the surface like most concrete sealants, it's absorbed into the pores more like a plug. So, instead of a film method, it's like a plug method. It works quite well on the pavement. This is some of our first bridge decks to do to total surface treatment," said Imbrock.

Imbrock said as opposed to typical concrete seal-

ants which last two to three years, PoreShield is expected to last around 10 years.

"So that's quite a bit longer. It's made from soy. It's made in Indiana," said Imbrock. "There are a couple of other products in construction in general. Most of them are asphalt related. But this is the first concrete protecting product."

Imbrock said this was the

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LaFontaine Lions to hold tenderloin dinner

Event set for Saturday will be carry-out only

STAFF REPORT

The LaFontaine Lions will host a carry-out only hand-breaded tenderloin dinner from 4 p.m. until it is gone on Saturday, June 13 at the LaFontaine Community Building, according to a press release.

The meal will be two tenderloins, applesauce and a bag of chips.

The cost will be \$10 per

meal. Cards may be used with an extra charge of \$1 per transaction. Pick up will be in the alley on the west side of the Community Building.

Watch for the signs to direct you. Turn left off of Branson Street into the alley on the west side of the building.

Proceeds will go towards upkeep of the LaFontaine Community Building.

Grow Wabash County receives Duke Energy grant for HCC project

\$15K award to help build Adult Certification Learning Center

STAFF REPORT

Grow Wabash County has secured \$15,000 in grant funding from Duke Energy on behalf of Heart-

land Career Center (HCC), according to Chelsea Boulrisse, project manager for marketing and events.

The Duke Energy Powerful Communities Grant focuses on developing workforce development training programs, namely ones that provide opportunities for under-represented,

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ISDH adds another local COVID-19 case; total now 87

State still reports two local deaths, and now reports 1,152 tests

STAFF REPORT

On Wednesday, the Indiana State Department of Health (ISDH) added another local positive COVID-19 case, making Wabash County's total 87.

The state still reported two deaths, and now reports 1,152 tests.

Statewide on Wednesday, the ISDH announced that 339 additional Hoosiers have been diagnosed with COVID-19 through testing at ISDH, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and private laboratories. That brings to 38,337 the total number of Indiana residents known to have the novel coronavirus following corrections to the previous day's total.

Intensive care unit and ventilator capacity remain steady. As of Wednesday, 38 percent of ICU beds and nearly 83 percent of ventilators are available.

A total of 2,173 Hoosiers are confirmed to have died from COVID-19, an increase of 15 over the previous day. Another 182 probable deaths have been reported based on clinical diagnoses in patients for whom no positive test is on record.

Deaths are reported based on when data are received by ISDH and occurred over multiple days.

To date, 320,094 tests have been reported to ISDH, up from 315,390 on Tuesday.

Hoosiers who have symptoms of COVID-19 and those who have been exposed and need a test to return to work are encouraged to visit a state-sponsored testing site for free testing.

Individuals without symptoms who are at high risk because they are over age 65, have diabetes, obesity, high blood pressure or another underlying condition, as well as those who are pregnant, live with a high-risk individual or are a member of a minority population that is at greater risk for severe illness, also are encouraged to get tested.

To find testing locations around the state, visit www.coronavirus.in.gov and click on the COVID-19 testing information link. More than 200 locations are available around the state.

Heavy rains, high winds lash Illinois, Indiana, Michigan

HAMMOND (AP) — Strong wind gusts and heavy rains from remnants of Tropical Storm Cristobal flooded roads and knocked out power Wednesday to thousands of customers across Indiana, Illinois and Michigan.

The Indiana Department of Transportation reported some lanes of Interstate 80/94 in Hammond were flooded after heavy rains that he National Weather Service said dumped 2 inches of rain in 30 minutes on parts of the Chicago met-

ropolitan area. Hail up to 2 inches in diameter also was falling in the area, the weather service said.

Utilities in the three states reported more than 20,000 homes and businesses without power as of late morning.

Hopkins Village President Terry Weik was taking down flower baskets from his porch Tuesday when the tree in front of his home south of Grand Rapids, Michigan, started to fall toward him, WOOD-TV reported.

“The tree lifted up, it twisted, and it came at me so quick,” Weik said.

It punched through the home’s roof. No one was hurt.

The weather service issued a gale warning through Wednesday evening on Lake Michigan because of the possibility of strong winds creating waves of 6 to 10 feet. Scattered severe thunderstorms were possible Wednesday in Michigan, forecasters said.

Fed to keep providing aid and sees no rate hike through 2022

By CHRISTOPHER RUGABER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — Confronted with an economy gripped by recession and high unemployment, the Federal Reserve made clear Wednesday that it will keep providing support by buying bonds to maintain low borrowing rates and forecasting no rate hike through 2022.

The Fed has cut its benchmark short-term rate to near zero. Keeping its rate ultra-low for more than two more years could make it easier for consumers and businesses to borrow and spend enough to sustain an economy depressed by still-widespread business shutdowns from the coronavirus.

sees the unemployment rate at 9.3 percent, near the peak of the last recession, by the end of this year. The rate is now 13.3 percent.

The Fed also specified that it will buy \$80 billion of Treasury securities a month and \$40 billion in mortgage-backed securities. The central bank has been slowing its purchases from as high as \$375 billion a month in March. But this is the first time that the Fed has indicated the size of the purchases it will pursue in the coming months.

At his news conference, Powell began by acknowledging the widespread protests in the aftermath of George Floyd’s killing that have called attention to racial injustices.

declared that the U.S. economy entered a recession in February.

One challenge for the Fed now is to shift its focus from the emergency actions it took in March and April to try to carry the economy through a shutdown, to what steps it will take to stimulate a recovery as businesses increasingly reopen.

In remarks last month, Fed Vice Chair Richard Clarida stressed that the viral outbreak remains a menace to the economy. But he also indicated that Fed officials want to see a few more months of data to gauge the economy’s health before determining their next steps.

Stock prices initially rallied modestly after the Fed issued its latest policy statement at 2 p.m. Eastern time before falling back into negative territory.

Speaking at a virtual news conference, Chair Jerome Powell said that a surprise job gain in the May jobs report that the government released last week was encouraging but hardly enough to ensure that the job market or the economy is back on track.

“I want to acknowledge the tragic events that have put a spotlight on (issues of racism),” Powell said. “There is no place at the Federal Reserve for racism, and there should be no place in our society.”

Since March, the Fed has slashed its benchmark short-term rate, bought \$2.1 trillion in Treasury and mortgage bonds to inject cash into markets and rolled out nine lending programs to try to keep credit flowing smoothly. Most analysts expect the Fed to pause and assess the economic landscape before embarking on any further actions, which could come at September’s meeting.

For now, Fed officials likely feel little pressure to act further because few investors expect them to make any changes to their benchmark rate anytime soon. Though the Fed could technically cut rates into negative territory, Powell has largely rejected negative rates as an option.

Still, there are additional steps the Fed can take. The Fed could specify how long it’s prepared to keep short-term rates near zero and how much bond buying it will do to hold down longer-term rates. This guidance can help the economy by reducing the likelihood that investors will send longer-term rates up.

“The labor market may have hit bottom in May,” Powell said. But, he added, “we’re not going to overreact to a single data point.”

Stressing the Fed’s commitment to ultra-low borrowing rates for the foreseeable future, the chairman said:

“We’re not thinking about raising rates. We’re not even thinking about thinking about raising rates.”

In the statement, which followed its latest policy meeting, the Fed also credited its emergency lending programs for reviving the flow of credit to households and businesses, after markets had locked up in March when investors sold a range of securities to boost their cash holdings.

The central bank noted in its statement that the viral outbreak has caused a sharp fall in economic activity and surge in job losses. Fed officials estimate that the economy will shrink 6.5 percent this year, in line with other forecasts, before expanding 5 percent in 2021. They foresee

And by committing to buy corporate bonds, thereby reinvigorating the market for such securities, the Fed has also ensured that corporations can continue to borrow. Its initiatives also include a first-ever program through which the Fed is buying state and local government debt to support the municipal bond market.

Many economists say those steps have prevented the downturn from worsening, by keeping credit flowing. This week, the National Bureau of Economic Research, the official arbiter of recessions,

But the Fed in 2012 replaced its date-based guidance. Instead, it said it would keep rates at nearly zero “at least as long as the unemployment rate remains above 6.5 percent.” Most economists considered this approach more effective because it assured that economic progress would have to be made before the Fed would tighten credit.

The Fed has bought \$2.2 trillion in bonds since March, when financial markets locked up as investors rushed to unload Treasuries and other securities in exchange for cash.

PROJECT

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low-income residents.

The \$15,000 awarded to Grow Wabash County will be utilized to help HCC build a 35,000-square-foot Adult Certification Learning Center that will house a variety of adult vocational training programs that are based on local workforce needs.

Some of the funds will also help HCC purchase the necessary course materials and equipment to provide students a high-quality training experience that will help them transition seamlessly into gainful employment.

“Grow Wabash County thanks Duke Energy for their continued partnership and their enthusiastic support for the many big-picture initiatives in Wabash County that are creating new and impactful opportunities for all Wabash County residents,” stated Boulrisse.

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fourth bridge in Wabash County they had sealed that day. Imbrock said they made quick work of the Red Bridge over the Mississinewa River, sealing the entire 23,000 square feet in 50 minutes.

Imbrock said they then sealed two smaller bridges, which each took less than five minutes of application time.

Imbrock said the sealant generally dries in about three to four hours.

“You might have a few puddles in the low spots, especially with something like a bridge that’s pretty dense and it takes quite a while to absorb all that sealant. Certainly, by the end of the day they’ll be able to re-open to traffic,” he said.

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Feeding the Hungry to do what we can for families experiencing food shortages.”

Chief Agricultural Lending Officer, Jeff Rodibaugh, and other key bank personnel created an ad hoc network of farmers and local processors willing to donate or dramatically reduce livestock and processing costs.

Powell stated partnering with state nonprofit Hoosiers Feeding the Hungry






“will allow for an exponentially greater impact.”

“The ‘Pigs to People to Pork’ effort initiated by our commercial and agricultural lending team is one of three distinct outreach programs taking place at First Farmers Bank & Trust under the umbrella of ‘Growing Good,’” stated Powell.

For more information, visit www.ffbt.com/growinggood.





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5-Day Weather Summary

 Thursday Sunny 80 / 61	 Friday Sunny 79 / 55	 Saturday Sunny 70 / 54	 Sunday Sunny 68 / 56	 Monday Partly Cloudy 75 / 61
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Sun and Moon

Today's sunset 9:19 p.m.
Tomorrow's sunrise 6:16 a.m.

 Last 6/13	 New 6/21	 First 6/28	 Full 7/5
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Detailed Local Outlook

Today we will see sunny skies, high of 80°, humidity of 38%. West wind 13 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 61°. West southwest wind 3 to 11 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny, high of 79°, humidity of 37%. West wind 4 to 10 mph. Friday night, skies will be mostly clear, overnight low of 55°.

Neighbor reluctant to share reason for illness

DEAR HARRIETTE: I heard a doctor likening the coronavirus to the AIDS crisis the other day. At first I thought they were crazy; obviously they are very different things. But I listened some more, and what this doctor was saying is that there was a terrible stigma attached to people with AIDS, so much so that people were reluctant to say that they had the disease. Now that same thing seems true for people who have COVID-19. My neighbor, for example, has been deathly

Harriette Cole
Sense & Sensitivity



ill. I’m pretty sure he has it. But neither he nor his family will talk about it. I think if he does have it, everybody should be more cautious around him. Not to make him a pariah but to protect the rest of us from possibly catching it. Am I wrong to feel that way? How can I be a good neighbor and protect my family from possibly getting infected? – Avoiding Hysteria

DEAR AVOIDING HYSTERIA: Dr. Anthony Fauci, director of the National Institute of Allergy and Infectious Diseases, has talked about how the AIDS crisis and COVID-19 bear some similarities. Both the reach of the diseases and the stigma attached to them can be compared.

You are right to be concerned about your family’s health in relation to your sick neighbor. Follow the precautions as outlined by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, especially keeping your distance and keeping your home, door knobs and all surfaces clean. What you shouldn’t do is shun him. Call and ask if he needs anything. If he is isolated at home and ill, check to see if you can bring him food or other supplies that you leave at his door. Be attentive from a distance.


DEAR HARRIETTE: My family rents a house in a beach community every summer. When the pandemic hit, I did not cancel our reservation because

I was hoping that things would be opened up by then. Now that summer is almost here, it’s still uncertain whether we can actually get in the water at the beach, but I feel like I should still take my family away. I see reports of people hanging out on the beach in large numbers, but we aren’t going to a place like that. I have young kids, so I can control their activities. I think they need to get outside and have some fun. We live in an apartment in the city. What do you think? – Going to the Beach

DEAR GOING TO THE BEACH: Check to see what the guidelines are for the community you will be visiting. Some beaches are establishing markers to make it easier for people to practice

social distancing while they are outside. I agree that it could be good for your family’s mental health to go to a place where you can enjoy the open air. Just stay vigilant. Don’t let your children out of your sight. Enforce wearing masks whenever they are around other people – even at the beach. This may be difficult, but if they break the rules, take them inside. That may be punishment enough to get them to keep the masks on the next time you allow them to go outside.

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Rosemary Daigle

Funeral Services for Rosemary Daigle, 76, of Fort Wayne, Indiana, were 2:00 pm, Tuesday, June 9, 2020, at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash. Pastor Jeff Barnett officiated. Memories shared by daughter, Julie Machado, and reading by Jeanette Overly. Pallbearers were Alex Machado, Eddie Machado, Tad Daigle, Sam Stuck, and Dan Cole. Burial at Friends Cemetery, Wabash.

PENDING SERVICES

Genevieve D. “Pat” Gressley: 88, of Wabash, died Tuesday, in Wabash. There will be no services. Inurnment is in the Chapel of Remembrance Mausoleum at Memorial Lawns Cemetery. Arrangements by Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, Wabash.

Top officials at Poetry Foundation resign amid criticisms

By **HILLEL ITALIE**
AP National Writer

NEW YORK — Two top officials at one of the country’s leading poetry organizations have stepped down amid criticism over its response to the protests against police violence and racism. The Poetry Foundation announced Wednesday that its president, Henry Bienen, and board chairman, Willard Bunn III, had resigned, effectively immediately.

The foundation did not announce any plans for succession or refer specifically to recent events. Last weekend, more than 1,000 poets and foundation supporters issued an open letter calling for Bienen and Bunn to leave and be replaced by someone with “a demonstrated commitment to both the world of poetry and the project of creating a world that is just and affirming for people of color, disabled people, trans people, queer people, and im-

migrants.” Endorsers vowed not to contribute any more work to the foundation’s Poetry magazine until it made a “significantly greater allocation of financial resources toward work which is explicitly anti-racist in nature.” Earlier this week, more than 1,000 publishing employees staged a “day of action” in support of the protests following the killing of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police and to call attention to the in-

dustry’s acknowledged lack of diversity. The poets’ June 6 letter came in response to a statement issued three days earlier by the Chicago-based foundation, saying that members “stand in solidarity with the Black community, and denounce injustice and systemic racism.” Signers of the letter, among them Ocean Vuong, Sam Sax and Erika L. Sanchez, denounced the statement as vague and lacking any commitment to concrete action.

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260-274-1411. The cost of entry per three pieces is \$20.

Wabash County awarded emergency food, shelter funds

Wabash County has been chosen to receive \$7,529 to supplement emergency food and shelter programs. Public or private voluntary agencies interested in applying for Emergency Food and Shelter Program funds must contact Steve Johnson, local board chair of the Wabash County United Fund, by mail at P.O. Box 2, or 73 Canal Street, Wabash, IN 46992, by email at steve.johnson@wcunitedfund.org or by phone 260-563-6726. The deadline for applications to be received is Friday, June 12. For more information, visit <https://www.efsp.unitedway.org/efsp/website/index.cfm>.

2021 spring comedy director sought

The Wabash Area Community Theater is looking for the director for their 2021 spring comedy to be performed in March 2021. Anyone interested in directing should submit a portfolio with their directing experience. The portfolio should also include information stating the name of the play, the plot, the size of the cast, set and prop requirements, and other details about the show. Applications for the director and show are being accepted until Friday, June 12, and can be mailed to WACT, P.O. Box 840, Wabash, IN 46992. For more information, email Eric Seaman at eric.charlesseaman@gmail.com, Bev Vanderpool at vanderpob@yahoo.com or Howard Kaler at gm@charleycreekinn.com.

‘Painting through Miami Eyes’ events set for Mississinewa, Salamonie

Join Catherine Nagy Mowry, for a painting workshop from noon to 4 p.m. Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake, and Saturday, June 20 at Salamonie Lake. The class size is limited. Property entrance fees apply. This is a free event. Advance registration required, by calling 260-468-2127.

Weed Wrangle to be held at Mississinewa Lake

Meet Upper Wabash Invasives Network (UWIN) members and volunteers from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, June 13 at Mississinewa Lake’s Blue Heron Trailhead, E. County Road 500 South, Peru. For more information and for advance registration, call 260-468-2127.

Mural Fest application deadline extended

From Sept. 8 to 18, regional and national artists will create 11 high-quality murals — one in each of the 11 counties of northeast Indiana. The site chosen for the Wabash County mural was the Selleck Building,

214 E. Main St., North Manchester. Artists are encouraged to apply by Sunday, June 14. To apply or learn more, visit www.NElmuralfestival.com.

Teen Indiana Master Naturalist classes to be held at Salamonie

The sessions will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday, June 15 to Friday, June 19 at Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center, 3691 New Holland Road, Andrews. Participants must complete 80 percent of the course sessions, complete 12 volunteer hours with local or state natural resources organization, complete a pre- and post-survey during the first and last course sessions, and pay registration fee required by the sponsor. Class size is limited to 14 participants. Space is reserved on a first-come-first-served basis. Space will be reserved only upon payment of the \$60 registration fee. Registration is due by Friday, June 5. Registration applications are available by visiting Salamonie Nature and Interpretive Center or by emailing Trody@dnr.in.gov. Call 260-468-2127 for more information or visit www.indianamasternaturalist.org.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 16

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Tuesday, June 16 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 17

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 17 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Soul Shot features Bobby Velasquez and John Kirkwood and many other seasoned musicians including Darrell Ellison, Ben Black, John Hancock and Wesley Kirkwood. Soul Shot plays classic rock and other genres including dance, oldies, disco, blues and more. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

North Manchester Kiwanis Club plans annual fish fry

The Kiwanis Club of North Manchester annual fish fry is set for Thursday, June 18 at Warvel Park, 702 N. Market St., North Manchester. This year’s fish fry will be curbside only in a drive-thru procession. The starting point for the drive-thru will be along the southbound lane of Market Street from the corner of Ninth Street to Seventh Street. Fish dinners will be available from 4:30 to 7 p.m. “or until we sell out of dinners.” Dinners include fish, coleslaw, tartar sauce, apple-sauce and a cookie. Tickets cost \$10.50 in advance and \$11 at the event. Tickets may be purchased in advance from

any Kiwanis member, from Grand’s Ice Cream Shoppe, Quality Quick Lube and Shepherds Chevrolet or at the park the night of the event. For tickets and additional information, call David Kreps at 260-982-8251 or visit www.northmanchesterkiwanis.com.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for June 19

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Friday, June 19 at Parkview Wabash Hospital, 10 John Kissinger Drive.

Wabash County Museum announces re-opening plans

The Wabash County Museum plans to re-open the majority of its facility to the public Tuesday, June 23 with modified hours. The new hours will be from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Tuesday to Friday and from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, 36 E. Market St. The education center located on the second floor of the museum will remain closed with a targeted opening date in early July.

Drive In Summer Music Series continues June 24

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, June 24 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. Mason Dixon Line Band is one of Fort Wayne’s best country bands. They have opened for sold-out concerts for Frank Foster, Colt Ford, Tyler Farr and Jerrod Niemann. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Drive In Summer Music Series concludes July 1

The Honeywell Center Summer Plaza Music Series continues Wednesday, July 1 at the 13-24 Drive In, 890 N. Indiana 13. The Mississinewa Valley Swing Band is a community band, located in Grant County. The Swing Band is a 16-member ensemble that plays swing-era music at different area events. The event is free and open to the public, on a first-come, first-serve basis. Gates will open at 4 p.m. The performance will run from 5 to 7 p.m. For more information, visit 1324Driveln.com/coming-soon/live.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 8

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 1 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, July 8 at the Richvalley Community Center, 56 W. Mill St.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 14

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. Tuesday, July 14 at the Wabash County

4-H Fairgrounds, 660 Gillen Ave.

Blood donation opportunity scheduled for July 21

The Red Cross has scheduled a blood donation opportunity from noon to 6 p.m. Tuesday, July 21 at the First United Methodist Church, 110 N. Cass St.

Contestants sought for the 30th Annual Wabash County Festivals Scholarship Pageant

The pageant will be held Friday, July 24, in the Ford Theater at the Honeywell Center. Anyone wishing to donate toward the scholarships may do so by sending a check to Bev Vanderpool, 73 W. Sheridan St, Wabash, IN 46992. Checks should be marked “Scholarship Pageant.” The Wabash County Festivals Pageant is a nonprofit, therefore all donations are tax-deductible. For more information, visit the Wabash County Festivals Pageant Facebook page at www.facebook.com/wabashcountypageant, or contact any of the directors.

Wabash Kiwanis Club Pancake Day rescheduled for July 25

After being rescheduled for a second time, the Wabash Kiwanis Club will once again host its annual Pancake Day for Saturday, July 25. After a year at the Wabash Presbyterian Church, Pancake Day will return to the newly renovated Bruce Ingraham building at the Wabash County Fairgrounds, located just off of Gillen Avenue in Wabash. Pancakes, with or without blueberries, will be available, along with sausages and refreshments. Tickets will be \$8 at the door and \$7 in advance for adults 13 and older and \$5 at the door and \$4 in advance for children ages 6 to 12. Admission for the event will be free for children 5 and younger. Sponsorship opportunities for businesses are available by emailing Kiwanian Donna Siders at donnasiders@hotmail.com or calling 260-571-1892. Sponsors would receive complimentary tickets to the event and on-site recognition in exchange for their support. The event’s Pancake Eating Contest, sponsored by Midwest Eye Consultants, will take place that day at noon. The Club’s president, Mike Keaffaber, is the event’s chairperson for 2020. Those who have questions or ideas regarding the event may email Keaffaber at keaffaberm@msdwc.k12.in.us.

‘Liking for Biking’ riding series takes to the road for the fourth year

Through Aug. 28, anyone who is interested in a “free, family-friendly” 60-minute bike ride is invited to meet at Paradise Spring Historical Park’s upper pavilion at 8:45 a.m. each Saturday. Volunteers from the

Spikes and Bikes Bike Club and the Rock City Bike Club have offered to lead the weekly rides in a “fun and engaging atmosphere.” Those interested in participating or volunteering for the ride can get more information by going online to www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or by calling the Welcome Center at 260-563-7171.

Woman’s Clubhouse hopes to pick up 2020-2021 schedule in August

Out of an abundance of caution, the Woman’s Clubhouse will not meet for its final luncheon of the 2019-2020 season in June. The group will send the 2020-2021 program and luncheon schedule in August for the new year and they will vote on officers for the new calendar year in September. Anyone who would like to nominate someone for an office should call Ellen Stouffer at 260-571-5339. The group needs a volunteer to take over the membership organization. For more information, call Carol McDonald at 260-563-2331.

Manchester University announces plan to open in fall 2020

In-person classes will begin Sept. 2. Like many schools, Manchester will move to remote teaching and learning after Thanksgiving. The semester will end Dec. 18.

Registration for annual Dam to Dam Century Ride and new triathlon now open

Visit Wabash County has announced registration for the Dam to Dam Century Ride and the DAM(N)!MAN! triathlon is now open. D!M! will take place on the same day as the Dam to Dam Century Ride — Sunday, Sept. 13 — and will incorporate the newest and longest 150-mile bike route, plus a 3.1-mile swim and will end with a 31-mile run. The early bird registration fee for the bike ride is \$40 through May 31, however, attendees can use promo code D2DSAVE10 to save \$10 for a limited time. The price increases to \$50 beginning June 1. The registration fee for the triathlon is \$135, however, participants can use promo code DMSAVE40 to save \$40 for a limited time. For more information, visit www.visitwabashcounty.com/adventure-series or call 260-563-7171.

Downtown Wabash Farmers’ Market season open Saturdays through Sept. 26

The Downtown Wabash Farmers Market is set from 8 a.m. to noon Saturdays in the Honeywell Center and Wabash Elk’s Parking Lot, located corner of Cass and Market streets. The market occurs every Saturday through Sept. 26. Guests can expect to see a Limited Market Model in response to COVID-19. Some of the precautions include one entrance to

the market at the northeast corner, a limited number of shoppers, social distancing at least 6 feet, masks and gloves recommended and a sanitizer station provided. Masks and gloves are recommended to be worn by shoppers. There is construction on Cass Street. Alternate routes on Carroll and Market Streets are available. Vendors are still being accepted for the full season, half-season and one-time rates. For more information, call 260-563-0975 or visit www.wabashmarketplace.org.

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association begins play

The Honeywell Ladies Golf Association has begun play. This year, most Tuesdays will be a scramble event. Newcomers are welcome and there is a \$10 membership fee to cover various expenses. Call the clubhouse at 260-563-8663 by 9 a.m. Monday before to register.

Indiana 105 bridge at Salamonie Lake closed

Salamonie Lost Bridge West and East state recreation areas are accessible only from the south. To access Indiana 105 on the north side of the bridge, from the south of the bridge heading north on Indiana 105, the official detour will be Indiana 124 to Indiana 9 to Highway 24. The entire bridge deck will be removed and replaced. The bridge, and road, is scheduled to re-open Sunday, Nov. 15.

Second Harvest tailgates at Senior Center now scheduled Wednesdays

Second Harvest Food Bank will conduct a tailgate food distribution event at 11 a.m. each Wednesday at Living Well in Wabash County, 239 Bond St. Distribution is while supplies last. No IDs, proof of address or need are required. All are welcome, regardless of home county. Attendees should only go through the line one time so we can serve everyone. If you are walking up or coming via a vehicle too small to carry a load of food, please plan to arrive an hour after the tailgate starts. For more information, visit curehunger.org/get-involved-donate.

Laketon American Legion open

The Laketon American Legion is open from 6 a.m. to 2 p.m. daily serving breakfast and lunch, except for Friday, when it is closed.

Editor’s note: If you have an upcoming event to submit, please send it by email to news@wabashplaindealer.com no later than five days before the event itself. Please use complete sentences, Associated Press style and Microsoft Word or PDF file formats.

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Please sign your letter. Your name will be used with the letter that is published in the Plain Dealer. Your letter will be returned if it is your desire to remain anonymous.

Since we may want to write or call you to verify the letter, we ask that you include your address and telephone number. All our letters to the editor are published in the interest of fair play, so we trust our letter writers will refrain from personal attacks on other persons or groups.

A letter should be less than two pages long, preferably of double-spaced typing.

In order to give everyone an opportunity to participate in this exchange of ideas, please try to limit your letters to one per month per household.

To submit a letter, please write the Wabash Plain Dealer at 99 W. Canal St., Wabash, IN 46992.

Letters also may be hand-delivered to the newspaper office, 99 W. Canal St. The office is open 9-11:30 a.m. and 1-4 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you should deliver a letter during non-business hours, a drop slot is located to the left of the front door. Letters may be faxed to 260-563-0816, or email them to news@wabashplainedealer.com with "Letters to the Editor" in the subject line.



DAILY SCRIPTURE

Thus, when you give to the needy, sound no trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may be praised by others. Truly, I say to you, they have received their reward. 3 But when you give to the needy, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing.

Matthew 6:2-3

Black Lives Matter: A worldwide cause

George Floyd's name is now known around the globe; his death has sparked protests from Berlin to Mexico City. The extraordinary cruelty of his killing has shocked the world. But his death has resonated so widely not because it was exceptional, but because it was not. Not exceptional in the US, where the toll of African Americans who have died at police hands is long and shameful. And not, unfortunately, exceptional elsewhere.

Tens of thousands gathered at the weekend in London, Manchester, Cardiff, Glasgow and other parts of the UK. In Bristol, protesters toppled a statue of slave trader Edward Colston. But the movement has also brought people on to the streets in Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Aires; in Abuja and Nairobi; in Barcelona, Copenhagen and Paris. These marches express solidarity and outrage that the richest and most powerful country in the world should continue to treat its people this way. Demonstrators oppose the racial legacy it embodies, and the brutal, militarized police response to protests.

But though they honor the African

American experience, they also recognize the commonality of black struggles elsewhere, and more broadly the fight for human rights. The words "I can't breathe" are chillingly familiar. In Australia, they evoke the death of David Dungay, an Indigenous man who uttered those words 12 times as he was restrained by prison guards. In Britain, they were cried out by Jimmy Mubenga as security guards pinned the deportee to his plane seat.

"The UK is not innocent," read one placard at a London protest, invoking both its present and past. Britain prefers to remember its abolition of the slave trade to its role in industrialising slavery. It finished paying the bill for reparations to slave owners only five years ago. Many people still see empire as a conduit for the spread of cricket and railways. A broader curriculum, which is surely needed, would reveal it as a system of exploitation and white supremacy, with repercussions felt to this day.

BAME people die disproportionately as a result of the use of force or restraint by police, but not one officer has been convicted

of manslaughter or murder in decades. Protesters in the UK have highlighted the shooting of Mark Duggan, the Metropolitan police's growing use of stop-and-search, the Windrush scandal, the disproportionate exclusion of black boys from schools and the failure to act on the Lammy report, which highlighted glaring disparities in the criminal justice system. But they have also raised the impact of austerity, the Grenfell fire and the fact that BAME people are so much more likely to die of Covid-19. Racism is structural, and state neglect can be as deadly as state abuse. It does not always take a knee on the neck to kill someone. Poverty, overcrowding, and unequal access to healthcare can be fatal.

It is the increased threat from coronavirus which has driven many to the streets. Though protesters have largely been assiduous in their use of face masks and hand gel, there is a real danger that these gatherings will spread infection. Subsequent self-isolation by participants would help to reduce the risks. But when Dominic Cummings got a free pass for his

drive to Durham, the leader of the house has forced MPs to return to a crowded chamber, and the government is ignoring warnings that lockdown is being relaxed too quickly, they must not be scapegoated for any rise in infections. Already, black people in London are twice as likely to be fined for breaching coronavirus regulations as white people.

To say that black lives matter is not only to demand that they are not stolen, but to insist that they are truly valued. No one expects this to be realized overnight; but nor are they willing to wait. The breadth of the protests is testament to what has gone wrong, but also a promise that change is possible. The protests are black-led but multiracial, showing the growing breadth of support. As in the US, white people are seeking to be allies. Other people of color are identifying with black experience, while recognizing that they too may benefit from racial hierarchies, and may themselves discriminate. Mistakes will be made. But progress can and must be made, too.

This editorial was first published in The Guardian.



What long-term changes might we anticipate from these crises?

The interesting and turbulent age we inhabit urges us think about the lasting impact of current events. For an economist, chief among the questions to ask is how will the agents of change we now experience affect the location of economic activity. I don't have answers, but offer a way to think about them.

Halfway through 2020, we find ourselves locked into a trade war that pushed much of the nation near recession by the end of 2019. We face a global pandemic that continues to kill Americans at a stunning rate, and which

has no realistic end in sight. That pandemic led directly to an economic downturn that left a full quarter of workers unemployed. Our economy is in the deepest downturn since the Great Depression and faces years of recovery. As I write this, a protest movement with overwhelming polling support has entered nearly every American city.

Most of the analysis of this is political, but surely it has some lasting effect on local economies. It is too early to make predictions, but it is a good time to think about the direction and power of forces that will realign economic activity between urban, suburban and rural places.

The trade war did precisely what a tax on trade would do. It raised the price of manufactured goods and reduced consumption. As it turns out, executive orders cannot repeal the law of demand. Evidence thus far is that the trade war may have begun a slow migration of manufacturing away from China. Multinational firms are smart to disperse factories across more nations, but there is no evidence of production moving to the United States. All we got from the trade war was less manufacturing, just as all but one economist predicted.

This pandemic may last for

a long time and will do more to spread manufacturing out of China than any tariff. It will do little to U.S. manufacturing, but it may have profound impact on where we shop, live, work and recreate. The most immediate thought about COVID-19 is that it will make dense urban centers less popular. However, few Americans live in places that are dense in global terms. Our city centers have high rise apartments, but American metropolitan areas remain mostly suburban places. Earlier pandemics did little to reduce the popularity of cities, and it seems unlikely this one will either. The inevitable movement of millennials to suburbs will impose a larger population shift than disease risk from COVID-19.

However, the response to COVID-19 will cause us to rethink how we work. A large share of workers, particularly in metropolitan areas, are now working at home. For many, that experience has been successful, and at least one high-quality study found higher productivity among those who were randomly assigned to work at home. It is certain that many businesses will migrate away from expensive urban offices. If this happens across a plurality of businesses or across whole occupations, it will change the urban form. Workers who feel confident in finding employment in remote work will be less constrained by their choice of home. This force will spread cities more broadly, vexing urban planners but delighting workers and employers.

Another force is at play in urban size. More at-home work means lower prices for urban office spaces. This would in turn attract more businesses to have a modest presence in large urban centers. It is easy to imagine larger, more geographically dispersed cities, with more businesses renting flexible work spaces instead of downtown offices.

The pandemic alters what we buy and where we recreate. The rapid shift to e-com-

merce may be permanent, shuttering a significant share of retailers. The shock to recreation, restaurants and bars may lessen over time, but we may also see measurably large, permanent declines in the share of consumer spending on these items.

The current recession will likely magnify current trends of occupational growth. As with previous downturns, the most stable occupations are those requiring a college education. The unemployment rate among high school grads is more than twice that of those with a bachelor's degree. Places with a large share of high-skilled workers face a less volatile business cycle. This recession should end the fact-free claims of worker shortages that have animated Indiana's education policy for most of the past decade. Sadly, it probably won't.

Finally, we have to consider the urban unrest that affects every city in the nation. I don't know how long it will last, or what nature they will ultimately take. But, as I write this column, several polls show overwhelming support for protestors. This is not surprising. From what I can tell, these protests are about our failure to fully realize the promise of the Constitution and Preamble to the Declaration of Independence. If they are successful in creating a more perfect union, then these protests will improve the economic prospects of America's urban centers. If not, we will all be worse off.

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Old-fashioned genealogy

My sister is hot on the trail of history, eagerly searching for a missing piece of our father's life.

She was spring cleaning recently, and came across his separation papers from the Army. Written on the back, little more than a footnote, was the information that he had been a cook in the Civilian Conservation Corps (CCC) starting in 1939.

We'd known he was a cook in the Army, and that he had been in the CCC before that, but this was new information. Now my sister is planning a trip to the National Archives facility in St. Louis where the pertinent records are kept. Some of them were destroyed in a fire, but visitors may view all available ones and, I think, take photos if they want.

Just imagine, she says, if we can find out where he served in the CCC. How amazing it would be to discover if he worked on a project that's still around. In addition to planting

3.5 billion trees it was nicknamed Roosevelt's Tree Army the CCC created 711 state parks.

Yes, it would be amazing.

Of course, there was a much easier way to find that out. We could simply have asked our father when he was still alive. We were stupid, stupid kids, my sister and I concluded.

Instead of knowing bits and pieces of his life, we might have learned the whole story, including what it was like to grow up during the Great Depression and serve as a soldier in World War II. Come to think of it, our mother could have filled us in on the home-front challenges of the war.

And, good lord, our mother's father lived with us a couple of years. He could have told us stories going back to before the turn of the last century.

Our family was a microcosm of the human story, each of us with our unique perspective on the larger world outside our door. If only we'd paid real attention to each other and asked questions slightly deeper than, "How did your day go?"

I don't need to speculate on how many other families are like ours was, because I'm pretty sure it's the vast majority of them.

But I do wonder how many have taken advantage of the great COVID-19 quarantine to re-examine their relationships. Not very many, I suspect.

People have been forced together in closer proximity and for a greater duration than they could have imagined. Are they using that opportunity to listen to each other's stories? Or are they just looking for ever more creative ways to fill time while carping about the new family roles they suddenly have to fill?

Resistance to change, especially change requiring deep reflection, is pretty much our default position, isn't it?

Just consider COVID-19. A common trope of science fiction is that humanity will unite to battle a common enemy. Think of the Martians in "War of the Worlds" or the ugly aliens in "Independence Day." But the coronavirus, allegedly the biggest existential threat in the last 100 years, has only reinforced and hardened the stark division dividing us.

And pity the alienated crowds massing in the streets to give voice to decades-old hurts they believe aren't being listened to. Their "peaceful protests" have been co-opted both by violent provocateurs and opportunistic charlatans, each with a cynical, media-driven agenda. We have been there before. We will be again.

We've been struggling, in these chaotic weeks, with how to deal with each other as groups. The human race is one big family that refuses to stop in the middle of the unexpected chaos and try to figure a better way out.

We're resisting the simple truth that life is best lived one on one. We must start with doing the best we can with our most intimate relationships, then working our way out to larger and larger groups. Instead, we're clashing as groups under the delusion that it will somehow make us more civilized as individuals.

That's exactly backwards.

My sister and I will find the National Archives and Internet genealogical searches a poor substitute for the conversations we should have had with our father.

And we will all find sociological treatises and the history books a poor substitute for our collective missed opportunity.

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Leo Morris



Unequal division of housework puts marriage on stormy path

DEAR ABBY: I have been married for seven years and have two beautiful children. My husband and I both work full-time, yet I do almost all of the household chores. I have asked him repeatedly to help ease my workload and stress by dividing the chores more equitably, but my requests are met minimally and temporarily. This has caused arguments, tension and resentment.

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He says, “You and I value different things,” or, “This isn’t what I want to focus on at home,” or, “Your standards are too high and have negatively impacted your relationship with our kids.” I do ask our kids to clean up routinely because I want them to be active members of this household, and this is how I was raised.

It’s putting a strain on my marriage and affecting my feelings toward my husband. Do I need to let this go? Or are my priorities misplaced? — Out Of Balance In Rhode Island

DEAR OUT OF BALANCE: From your husband’s perspective, why should he have to help with the housework if he can jawbone you into doing the lion’s share? Perhaps you should offer him a choice — participate more or someone will have to be hired to take some of the burden off your shoulders.

As to your children, please stick to your guns. It is important they master basic housekeeping skills so that when they become adults, they will be able to take care of themselves. Few children relish the idea of doing housework, but many of them do it anyway as a way to earn an allowance.

DEAR ABBY: I was happily married to the same woman for 51 years. “Jane” was married 42 years to the same man. We were both widowed. We hooked up and were enjoying our time together, but after about three years it all changed.

Do you believe in split personalities, the Jekyll and Hyde thing? Jane started falsely accusing me of having affairs with other women. The last two women she accused me of being involved with I don’t even know. The accusations have been coming more frequently. One day she’s fine; the next day she is accusing me.

Jane doesn’t like vulgar language, and normally she doesn’t use it. But when she’s accusing me of communicating with these women, she uses words that would make a sailor blush! A researcher’s first guess was the early stages of Alzheimer’s. I know she is paranoid, but why? — Hates The Change In North Carolina

DEAR HATES: A personality change such as you have described can be a symptom of Alzheimer’s disease, but it can also be caused by small strokes and other dementias. Jane’s paranoia could also be a symptom of a physical illness. If she has family, it is very important that you inform them about what’s happening so they — and you — can encourage her to be evaluated physically and neurologically. If you do, it might save not only her life but also your sanity.

DEAR ABBY: When I was 21, my grandparents told me, “It’s better to be loved than to be right.” Fifty years later, I’m still trying to follow that advice because it’s so true. Sometimes it is very hard to practice, but I will never forget those words. — Ken In Sherman Oaks, Calif.

DEAR KEN: Anything that encourages folks to get along better is good advice in my book. People sometimes place too much importance on trying to be right. Now, allow me to share an adage with you that I learned from MY grandfather: “I never learned anything while I was talking.”

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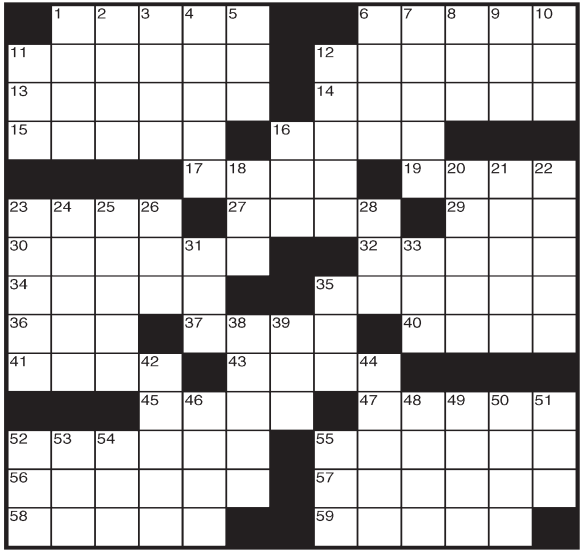
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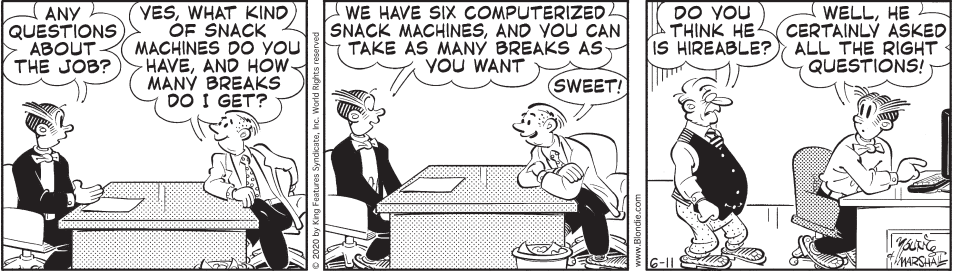
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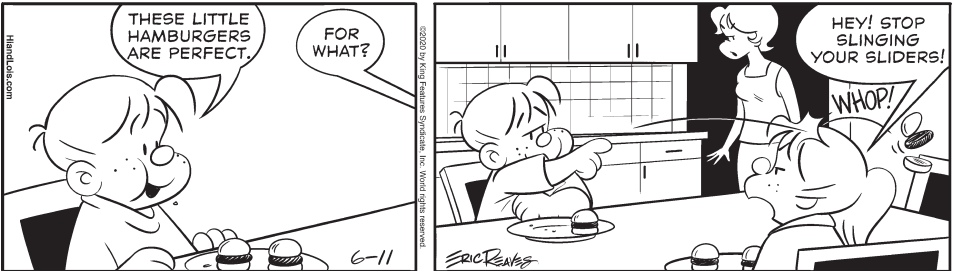
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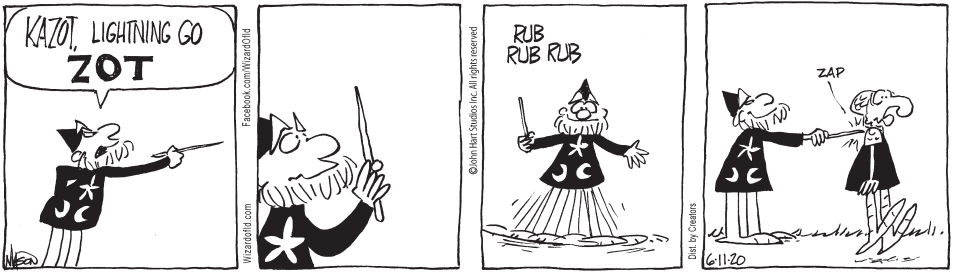
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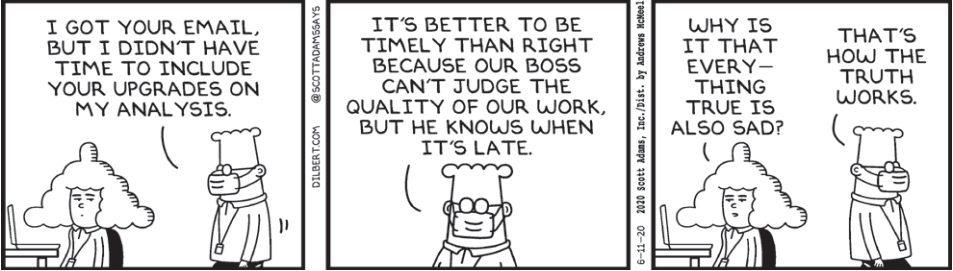
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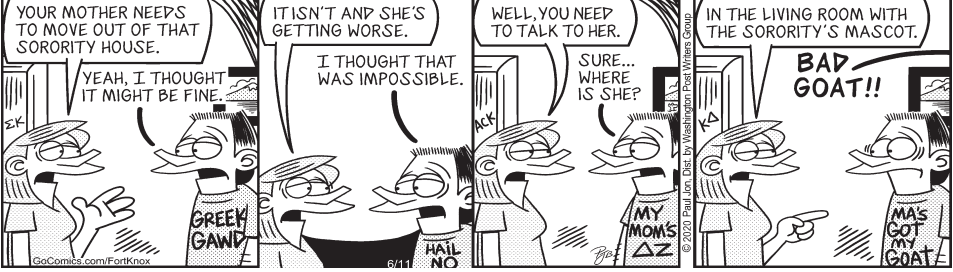
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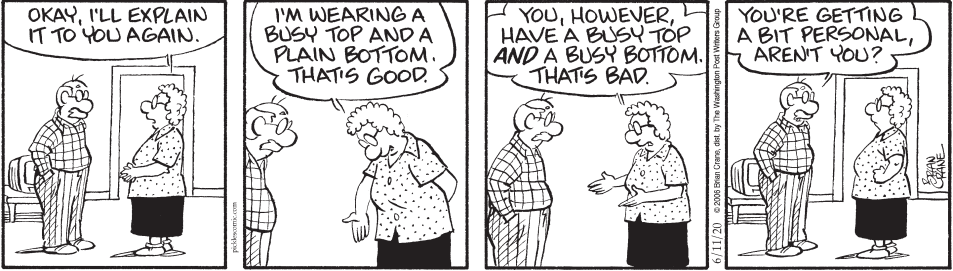
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God calls us to serve Him

Q: Recently I read an article that claimed that God calls out to people and we should heed His voice. What does that mean? — G.V.

A: God’s Word tells us that He calls out to sinners — that is anyone ever born, and He calls out to individuals because He is a personal Savior.

Billy Graham

My Answer



The Bible says: “Come now, and let us reason together,” says the Lord. “Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow” (Isaiah 1:18). They can be made as white as snow because of the cross where He died to cleanse us and save us for eternity. This is not a church call, it is not a family call and it is not a nation-

al call. It is a personal call to come to Christ. God also calls us to consecration. This is a word not used much anymore and it is a shame. It means to “set apart.” The Bible says, “Present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God” (Romans 12:1).

God also calls us to serve Him. Many people have the wrong concept of what this means. Put simply it means to acknowledge Him and obey Him according to

His Word. If you are a teacher, a technician or someone who works from home, get to know the Word of God and apply it daily to every phase of your life. Do not wait for a wind to come along and blow you in any direction. Make it your purpose in life to do the will of God which is revealed in Scripture. It will change your life in remarkable ways that you cannot imagine. Surrender everything to Him because He has a plan for you.

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Celebrity Cipher cryptograms are created from quotations by famous people, past and present. Each letter in the cipher stands for another.

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Ex-judge says push to dismiss Flynn case is abuse of power

By **MICHAEL BALSAMO and COLLEEN LONG**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — A former federal judge appointed to review the Justice Department’s motion to dismiss criminal charges against President Donald Trump’s former national security adviser Michael Flynn said there was evidence of a “gross abuse” of prosecutorial power and that the request should be denied.

Former U.S. District Judge John Gleeson said in a filing Wednesday that the government “has engaged in highly irregular conduct to benefit a political ally of the President.” He urged the judge handling the case to deny the motion and argued that Flynn had committed perjury.

Gleeson was appointed by U.S. District Judge Emmet Sullivan in a special role to weigh in on the case, but it will ultimately be up to Sullivan and potentially an appeals court whether to accept the Justice Department’s motion to drop the case.

Flynn pleaded guilty, as part of special counsel Robert Mueller’s Russia investigation, to lying to the FBI about conversations with the

Russian ambassador to the United States during the presidential transition period.

In January, Flynn filed court papers to withdraw his guilty plea, saying federal prosecutors had acted in “bad faith” and broken their end of the bargain when they sought prison time for him.

Initially, prosecutors said Flynn was entitled to avoid prison time because he had cooperated extensively with the government, but the relationship with the retired Army lieutenant general grew increasingly contentious in the months before he withdrew his plea, particularly after he hired a new set of lawyers who raised misconduct allegations against the government.

But the Justice Department filed a motion last month to dismiss the case, saying the FBI had insufficient basis to question Flynn in the first place and that statements he made during the interview were not material to the broader counterintelligence investigation into ties between Russia and the Trump campaign.

Officials have said they sought to dismiss the case in the interest of justice, upon the recommendation of a

U.S. attorney who had been appointed by Attorney General William Barr to review the handling of the Flynn investigation.

Gleeson slammed the Justice Department’s motion to dismiss the case, saying the arguments from prosecutors were “riddled” with legal errors.

“The Government’s ostensible grounds for seeking dismissal are conclusively disproven by its own briefs filed earlier in this very proceeding,” Gleeson wrote. “They contradict and ignore this Court’s prior orders, which constitute law of the case. They are riddled with inexplicable and elementary errors of law and fact. And they depart from positions that the Government has taken in other cases.”

Sullivan also asked Gleeson to explore whether he should hold Flynn in “criminal contempt for perjury.”

As part of his plea, Flynn had to admit in court, under oath, that he lied to the FBI and violated federal law. It is a crime to lie under oath in court.

In the filing, Gleeson said it was clear that Flynn had committed perjury and should be punished but that it should be

a factor considered at his sentencing, as opposed to additional charges being brought against him.

“This approach – rather than a separate prosecution for perjury or contempt – aligns with the Court’s intent to treat this case, and this Defendant, in the same way it would any other,” Gleeson wrote.

Gleeson was a federal judge in New York for more than two decades. Before becoming a judge, he had been a federal prosecutor and handled numerous high-profile cases, including the case against late Gambino crime family boss John Gotti. He’s been in private practice since 2016.

A federal appeals court is set to hear arguments Friday about Sullivan’s refusal to immediately dismiss the case. Flynn’s attorneys have asked the Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit to step in and force Sullivan to end to the case. They have also accused the judge of being biased, arguing he overstepped his authority when he did not immediately grant the Justice Department’s request to dismiss the case.

Sullivan has separately scheduled arguments on the dismissal motion for July 16.

U.S. expands virus testing of detained migrants amid criticism

By **BEN FOX**
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement announced Wednesday that it has expanded COVID-19 testing among people held at its detention facilities following criticism of its response to the outbreak.

ICE says it now offers voluntary tests for the virus to all people held at detention facilities in Tacoma, Washington, and Aurora, Colorado, and will consider doing the same at other locations. The announcement follows weeks of criticism that the agency has not taken sufficient steps to prevent the spread of the coronavirus among people in its custody and those it reports to other countries.

The most recent data available from ICE shows there are 838 people with COVID-19 among the more than 25,000 people in its custody at about 200 facilities around the nation. The largest outbreak, with more than 100 cases, is at a detention center in the Dallas area.

There have been 45 confirmed cases among ICE employees at detention

facilities, including 15 at a facility at the airport in Alexandria, Louisiana, where people are held just prior to deportation.

Guatemala suspended deportation flights from the U.S. for nearly a month after at least 186 people tested positive for COVID-19 upon their return even after U.S. assurances that they were healthy. Those flights resumed Tuesday with one from Alexandria.

ICE has disputed claims from detainees and immigrant advocates of insufficient supplies of hygiene materials such as soap and face masks or social distancing at confinement facilities, some of which are operated by private companies or local government agencies.

At a hearing this month, Sen. Dianne Feinstein expressed surprise when Henry Lucero, the agency’s executive associate director for enforcement and removal operations, testified that detainees are typically tested only when they show symptoms of the disease. “I am very interested in seeing that everyone is tested,” the senator, a California Democrat, told him.

Pope sends strong message to U.S. Catholics after Floyd death

By **NICOLE WINFIELD and ELANA SCHOR**
Associated Press

VATICAN CITY — Pope Francis called George Floyd by name, twice, and offered support to an American bishop who knelt in prayer during a Black Lives Matter protest.

Cardinals black and white have spoken out about Floyd’s death, and the Vatican’s communications juggernaut has shifted into overdrive to draw attention to the cause he now represents.

Under normal circumstances, Floyd’s killing at the hands of a white police officer and the global protests denouncing racism and police brutality might have drawn a muted diplomatic response from the Holy See. But in a U.S. election year, the intensity and consistency of the Vatican’s reaction suggests that, from the pope on down, it is seeking to encourage anti-racism protesters while making a clear statement about where American Catholics should stand ahead of President Donald Trump’s bid for a second term in November.

Francis “wants to send a very clear message to these conservative Catholics here who are pro-Trumpers that, ‘Listen, this is just as much of an issue as abortion is,’” said Anthea Butler, a presidential visiting fellow at Yale Divinity School.

Butler, who is African American, said the Vatican is telling Catholics “to pay attention to the racism that is happening and the racism that is in your own church in America.”

The Vatican has long spoken out about racial injustice, and popes dating to Paul VI have voiced support for the civil rights movement and Martin Luther King Jr.’s message of nonviolent protest. History’s first pope from the global south is no different. He quoted King at length during his historic speech to the U.S. Congress in 2015 and met with King’s daughter, as his predecessor had done.

But the degree to which Francis and the Vatican have seized on Floyd’s killing is unusual and suggests a coordinated messaging strategy aimed at a national church that Francis has long criticized for its political and ideological partisanship, said Alberto Melloni, a church historian and secretary of the John XXIII Foundation for Religious Studies in Bologna, Italy.

“It’s not like seven people

had the same type of reaction” by chance, Melloni said.

Last week, Francis denounced the “sin of racism” and twice identified Floyd as the victim of a “tragic” killing. In a message read in Italian and English during his general audience, Francis expressed concerns about violence during the protests, saying it was self-destructive.

He also said, “We cannot close our eyes to any form of racism or exclusion, while pretending to defend the sacredness of every human life.”

It was a clear effort to call out some conservative Catholics for whom the abortion issue is paramount, while other “life” issues dear to Francis – racism, immigration, the death penalty and poverty – play second fiddle at the ballot box.

Francis has firmly upheld the church’s opposition to abortion. And polls show a plurality of American Catholics support significant restrictions on legal abortion.

But Francis has also lamented that the U.S. church is “obsessed” with abortion, contraception and gay marriage to the detriment of its other teachings. Trump is staking his outreach to Catholic voters largely on his anti-abortion platform.

Francis spoke out June 3 after Trump posed in front of an Episcopal church near the White House, Bible in hand, after law enforcement aggressively forced protesters away from a nearby park.

A day later, Trump visited the St. John Paul II shrine, a visit denounced by the highest-ranking African American prelate in the U.S., Archbishop Wilton Gregory of Washington, D.C., whom Francis appointed to the politically important position last year. Gregory said he found it “baffling and reprehensible that any Catholic facility would allow itself to be so egregiously misused and manipulated.”

In that vein, the pope’s phone call to Texas Bishop Mark Seitz of El Paso last week appeared quietly significant. Seitz has taken a leading role in demanding fair treatment for migrants attempting to cross the southern U.S. border, a cause Francis has championed in ways that have fueled tensions with Trump.

Francis called Seitz unexpectedly after he was photographed kneeling in prayer at a Black Lives Matter protest. Seitz said the pope thanked him without men-

tioning the demonstration, but the context was clear: “My recent words and actions on the events that are taking place in the country now” after Floyd’s killing.

Francis was not alone in making the Vatican’s views known.

While the Holy See would be loath to be seen as picking sides prior to the U.S. election, its media operation has made clear its backing for peaceful protests, denouncing injustices suffered by black Americans and underlining its longtime support of King’s message.

Sunday’s L’Osservatore Romano newspaper featured three Floyd-related stories on its front page. The first was that 1 million people were expected to protest that day in Washington.

A second story was about a video showing two U.S. police officers shoving 75-year-old Martin Gugino, a white Catholic protester, to the ground in Buffalo. “Go watch it, please,” the article said.

Its third story was about a prayer service presided over by the highest-ranking American at the Vatican, Cardinal Kevin Farrell, who decried how America’s constitutional ideals were failing its black citizens.

In an interview, Farrell said he has spoken to Francis in the past about America’s race problems, which he saw up close as an auxiliary bishop in Washington. Farrell said Francis is well versed in King and American history.

Francis “knows what the principle was and he knows what the struggle was,” Farrell said.

Natalia Imperatori-Lee, a professor of religious studies at Manhattan College, said the Vatican’s message is having an effect on American Catholics.

“We are starting to see a kind of fissure emerge,” she said. “Whether that’s going to be long lasting or whether it is a sign of a paradigm shift, I think it’s too early to tell.”

A poll from the nonprofit Public Religion Research Institute last week found that the share of white Catholics holding favorable views of Trump had dropped by double digits since last year, registering 37 percent in the last week of May compared with 49 percent across 2019.

The test, Imperatori-Lee said, will be if priests are still preaching about racism in six months. And beyond that: “I guess we’ll know if this works when Catholics go to the polls in November.”

Facing electoral headwinds, Trump brings back his 2016 team

By **JONATHAN LEMIRE**
Associated Press

NEW YORK — As anyone who has ever heard him speak knows, President Donald Trump loves to relive 2016.

He recycles old attack lines once aimed at Hillary Clinton. He recounts the drama of election night, complete with impersonations of stunned news anchors putting state after state (Pennsylvania! Wisconsin!) in the Republican’s column.

At other times, in private calls from the White House residence, he reminisces about the camaraderie of those days, turning nostalgic as he remembers being surrounded by a rag-tag team of campaign staffers as his private plane flew from one city to another.

Now, Trump is getting the band back together again.

The president in recent days has signed off on hiring a number of his 2016 veterans for his 2020 campaign, a reenlistment of loyalists that follows the return of other members of his original team to the West Wing. A creature of habit who demands loyalty and trusts few, Trump is trying to recreate the magic of his original team five months before he faces voters again.

But 2020 is not 2016. Trump’s advisers are increasingly worried about the state of the campaign as the president faces multiple crises, from the health and economic fallout of the coronavirus pandemic to the mass protests that have swept across the nation.

“It’s fantastic to have the 2016 group back together, but the facts are the facts. He barely won and he has done nothing at all to grow out his support,” said Sam Nunberg, who advised Trump early in his first campaign.

“He can’t win on nostalgia. It’s not the same race. This is not going to be about slogans or themes, it’s going to be about what you did for me and why I should reelect you based on your record,” said Nunberg, an informal adviser who will not be rejoining the campaign. “He can’t just fight the last war. It’s time to adapt or die.”

The reinforcements are arriving as Trump comes to terms with the idea that he cannot run the type of campaign he had planned for years – one that looked feasible as recently as January, according to three

campaign and White House officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to publicly discuss private conversations.

Trump had expected to run on the back of a strong economy before the pandemic crippled it. He had hoped to revive a number of culture war and “deep state” accusations while facing a Democrat from the liberal wing of the party whom he could try to paint as socialist. He wasn’t expecting the more moderate Joe Biden.

Though outwardly confident, Trump has privately told advisers he cannot believe polls that show him trailing, and he has angrily snapped at campaign manager Brad Parscale over the state of the race, according to the officials.

The campaign, which has far greater infrastructure and staffing than the slipshod operation of four years ago, played down the idea that the return of the 2016 veterans was influenced by the state of the race or reflected a lack of confidence in Parscale.

“For over three years now, Brad has been building the biggest and best political campaign in history,” said Tim Murtagh, the campaign’s communications director. “Our latest staff additions are making Team Trump even stronger and solidify Brad’s leadership.”

In the past week, the Trump campaign hired Jason Miller, communications director in 2016, to focus on strategy and coordinate between the campaign and the White House. Miller has co-hosted a pro-Trump podcast with the president’s former campaign chief executive, Steve Bannon.

Boris Epshteyn, who after 2016 became a commentator for the conservative Sinclair Broadcast network, came back to be a strategic adviser for coalitions. Bill Stepien, a top adviser in 2016, was recently promoted to deputy campaign manager. Justin Clark, another longtime aide, has led the Trump campaign’s legal efforts.

“Every president who has successfully run a first go-around looks to add on people who were in that effort to the reelect,” said Miller. “But this is the Starship Enterprise as opposed to a rusted fishing boat we used in the first campaign.”

Familiar faces have also returned to the White

House.

Hope Hicks was Trump’s original campaign spokeswoman before becoming one of his most trusted West Wing aides. She left the White House in 2018 only to return two years later and was one of the driving forces behind the president’s controversial photo op with a Bible after he walked through Lafayette Square last week to a nearby church once the area was cleared of protesters.

Johnny McEntee, who served as Trump’s personal aide before being fired by then-chief of staff John Kelly in 2018, returned in January and has been focusing on staffing the administration with loyalists.

While Corey Lewandowski, Trump’s first campaign manager, and David Bossie, a trusted aide, have both remained officially outside the campaign, they have attended several recent strategy sessions and have been spotted on Air Force One and at the president’s golf clubs.

Some of Trump’s 2016 team never left. Ivanka Trump and Jared Kushner, the president’s daughter and son-in-law, are senior advisers. Kellyanne Conway, the president’s final 2016 campaign manager, remains a senior White House counselor. Dan Scavino runs the president’s social media presence from inside the West Wing. The president’s two adult sons, Donald Jr. and Eric Trump, and Eric’s wife, Lara, remain popular campaign surrogates.

But a few members of the old gang have not yet returned. That includes Bannon, who remains supportive of Trump after a messy exit from the White House, and Keith Schiller, Trump’s longtime security man. Also not involved are those 2016 veterans who have run into legal trouble, including Paul Manafort, Rick Gates, Roger Stone and Michael Flynn.

“He will always default to a group of people he trusts and who will advocate for him until hell freezes over,” said Timothy O’Brien, a Trump biographer who later worked for Michael Bloomberg’s 2020 Democratic presidential campaign. “But there’s a difference between trusting people and being a good judge of ability.”

“He tends to hire people who agree with him,” O’Brien said. “He lives in a bubble.”

Food

Falafel cravings

I love falafel, but they can be messy and oily to deep-fry. The solution? Pan-frying. Not only does pan-frying require much less oil, but the flattened patties have more

Lynda Balslev



surface area to brown. The edges become crumbly and crisp, and the little bits that break off are good enough to eat on their own – just saying. When making your own falafel, you must begin with dried chickpeas, which yield the right crumbly and mealy texture. Falafel should not be soggy or mushy, which is what will happen when you use canned chickpeas. So begin your falafel-making process the night before cooking by soaking the chickpeas overnight in water. The next day, the chickpeas will have tripled in size and will be firm yet tender to the bite. Drain, rinse them well, and pat dry. Then simply blitz them with the remaining ingredients until you have a sticky, mealy texture.

Now, I understand that the overnight soaking defeats any cravings demanding instant gratification – as most cravings do. With this in mind, I recommend soaking more chickpeas than you

need. This way, you can refrigerate or freeze any unused chickpeas for later use. Or make a double batch of the falafel mixture and freeze some of that, instead. Then you will be set the next time the craving for falafel strikes – because you know it will.

- Falafel Fritters**
Active Time: 30 minutes
Total Time: 30 minutes, plus overnight soaking and 1 hour chilling time
Yield: Makes about 24 patties
1 pound dried chickpeas
1 small onion, chopped, about 1/2 cup
4 garlic cloves, chopped
1 small jalapeno pepper, seeded, chopped
1/2 cup (packed) Italian parsley, leaves and tender stems
1/2 cup (packed) fresh cilantro, leaves and tender stems
1/4 cup (packed) fresh mint leaves
2 teaspoons salt
2 teaspoons ground cumin
1 teaspoon ground coriander
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
Grapeseed oil for pan-frying

- Yogurt Tahini Sauce**
1 cup whole-milk yogurt
1 tablespoon tahini
1 tablespoon lemon juice
2 teaspoons Sriracha
Pinch of salt

The night before making, place the chickpeas in a large bowl. Cover with 3 inches of

cold water and let stand overnight. The next day, drain the chickpeas and rinse well, then spread on a kitchen towel and pat dry.

Place the chickpeas in the bowl of a food processor. Process until finely chopped with a consistency of coarse sand. Transfer half of the chickpeas to a bowl. Add the remaining ingredients to the food processor bowl and process to form a coarse paste. Add the reserved chickpeas and pulse to finely blend. The overall consistency should be slightly sticky but not mushy, with small pieces of the chickpeas evident. Transfer to a bowl and taste for seasoning. Cover and refrigerate for at least 1 hour.

Heat 2 tablespoons oil in a large skillet over medium heat. Gather the falafel mixture, about 2 tablespoons at a time, and gently form into 1 1/2- to 2-inch patties. Add to the skillet and gently press in the center and around the edges with a spatula to compact.

Pan-fry until the fritters are deep golden in color on both sides, 6 to 8 minutes, using the spatula to carefully flip. Transfer to a plate lined with a paper towel and repeat with the remaining mixture.

Whisk the Yogurt Tahini Sauce ingredients in a small bowl. Serve the falafel with the sauce, lemon wedges and additional Sriracha if desired.



Provided photo by Lynda Balslev for TasteFood

Falafel should not be soggy or mushy, which is what will happen when you use canned chickpeas.

Easy gazpacho

By THE AMERICAN INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

Gazpacho, a chilled tomato and vegetable soup from Spain, is a refreshing addition to a summertime meal. The name of the Spanish soup is derived from the word meaning “remainders” or “worthless things.” This soup, however, is far from worthless. At front and center of this soup are tomatoes, garlic and onions that contain the phytochemicals lycopene, phenolic acids, quercetin and more, making this chilled soup a potent health ally, as well as zesty and satisfying.

- Ingredients**
1 large tomato, seeded and chopped
1 medium cucumber, peeled, seeded and chopped
1 medium yellow onion, chopped
1 large roasted red bell pepper from a jar, seeded and coarsely chopped
2 large cloves garlic, minced
1/2 cup chopped cilantro
2 Tbsp. red wine vinegar
1 Tbsp. extra-virgin olive oil
3 cups tomato juice or vegetable juice, divided
Salt and freshly ground pepper, to taste
Hot pepper sauce (optional)
Makes 6 servings. Per



Provided photo

At front and center of this soup are tomatoes, garlic and onions that contain the phytochemicals lycopene, phenolic acids, quercetin and more, making this chilled soup a potent health ally, as well as zesty and satisfying.

serving: 50 calories, 0 g total fat (0 g saturated fat, 0 g trans fat), 0 mg cholesterol, 10 g carbohydrates, 1 g protein, 1 g dietary fiber, 150 mg sodium, 7 g sugar, 0 g added sugar.

Directions
In blender or food processor, combine tomato, cucumber, onion, bell pepper, garlic, cilantro, vinegar and olive oil.

Add one cup of tomato

juice and purée to desired degree of smoothness. Stir in remaining tomato juice. Add salt, pepper and hot pepper sauce (if using), to taste.

Refrigerate mixture for at least four hours (and up to two days).

Stir soup and serve very cold in bowls or glasses. Add garnishes as desired (see suggestions in the recipe note).

Notes

You can garnish the gazpacho with croutons, diced tomato, diced onion, minced fresh cilantro leaves or peeled, seeded and diced cucumber.

This recipe is reprinted from The New American Plate Cookbook, which features 200 mouth-watering recipes and color photos. It is available from bookstores and online booksellers. Proceeds from sales fund cancer research.

U.S. consumer spending sinks by record 13.6% in face of virus

By MARTIN CRUTSINGER
AP Economics Writer

WASHINGTON — U.S. consumer spending plunged by a record-shattering 13.6 percent in April as the viral pandemic shuttered businesses, forced millions of layoffs and sent the economy into a deep recession.

Last month’s spending decline was far worse than the revised 6.9 percent drop in March, which itself had set a record for the steepest one-month fall in records dating to 1959. Friday’s Commerce Department figures reinforced evidence that the economy is gripped by the worst downturn in decades, with consumers unable or too anxious to spend much.

Even with employers cutting millions of jobs, though, incomes soared 10.5 percent

in April, reflecting billions of dollars in government payments in the form of unemployment aid and stimulus checks. Wages and salaries, normally the key component of overall income, sank by an annualized \$740 billion in April. By contrast, income in the form of government support jumped by an annualized \$3 trillion. That form of income, though, will likely fade in coming months as certain government aid programs expire.

Friday’s report showed sharp declines in consumer spending across the board – from durable goods like cars to non-durable items such as clothing to services ranging from doctor visits to haircuts. Spending tumbled 17.3 percent for durable goods, 16.2 percent for non-durables and 12.2 percent for services.

“The economics of fear and sudden stops were apparent in April as fearful and locked-down households cut back on spending,” Gregory Daco, chief economist at Oxford Economics, said in a research note.

The depth of the spending drop is particularly damaging because consumer spending is the primary driver of the economy, accounting for about 70 percent of economic activity. Last month’s figure signaled that the April-June quarter will be especially grim, with the economy thought to be shrinking at an annual rate near 40 percent. That would be, by far, the worst quarterly contraction on record. With spending plunging and incomes surging on the strength of government support payments, Americans’ personal savings rate hit a record high of 33 percent of af-

ter-tax income in April. Economists said this underscored how anxiety and uncertainty about the economy are making consumers reluctant to spend.

Daco suggested that “more frugal consumer behavior ... will dampen the recovery.”

“This is particularly true as the social benefits will gradually erode over time, leaving households more financially constrained,” he said.

Friday’s report showed that an inflation gauge preferred by the Federal Reserve fell 0.5 percent after a 0.2 percent drop in March. Fed officials have cited the absence of inflation pressures as one reason they can be aggressive in supporting the economy by cutting their benchmark interest rate to near zero and pumping billions of dollars into credit markets to keep them flowing smoothly.

Indiana theaters, bars, playgrounds reopenings start Friday

By TOM DAVIES
Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS — Movie theaters, bars, museums and amusement parks will be allowed to open Friday across Indiana as the governor announced Wednesday that he was moving up by two days the next stage of easing the state’s coronavirus restrictions.

A new state order will allow social gatherings of up to 250 people and retail stores and malls to operate at full capacity, Gov. Eric Holcomb said.

Gatherings have been limited to 100 people and stores to 75 percent capacity for the past three weeks as such limits have been gradually lifted since early May.

Restaurants will be allowed 75 percent capacity in their dining rooms, while bars, nightclubs, movie theaters and bowling alleys can open at 50 percent capacity.

Casinos can resume operations starting Monday under safety plans submitted to the Indiana Gaming Commission.

Public playgrounds are being permitted to reopen as of Friday but festivals and parades still being prohibited.

This Indiana reopening stage had been scheduled for Sunday.

Officials said the ear-

lier action was possible because of continuing declines in the number of COVID-19 infected people hospitalized and availability of intensive care unit beds to treat those most seriously ill.

Sixteen more people have died in Indiana with coronavirus infections, giving the state 2,355 deaths of those with confirmed or presumed infections since mid-March, health officials said Wednesday.

Most of the newly recorded deaths happened Monday or Tuesday, but others happened as far back as May 24, according to the Indiana State Department of Health.

The latest state statistics include 15 deaths of people who died with confirmed COVID-19 infections, bringing that death toll to 2,173.

Officials added one more presumptive death, giving the state 182 fatalities considered coronavirus-related by doctors but without confirmation of the illness from test results.

An additional 339 COVID-19 infections have been confirmed across Indiana, the health department said.

That boosts the statewide total number of confirmed cases to 38,337 since the first was recorded in early March.

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